

- (c) Bureau Fax Service will be provided in 52 Telegraph Offices.
- (d) Message and Phonogram Concentrators have already been commissioned in Pune, Nagpur and Nasik during 89-90 and 90-91

Radio Station, Hazaribagh

530. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a radio station is ready for commission in Hazaribagh district headquarter but has not started functioning because it has not been inaugurated; and

(b) if so, the time by which the Government propose to commission the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The Local Radio Station at Hazaribagh is technically ready for commis-

sioning. The station is envisaged to be commissioned into service once the minimum essential staff required for operation and maintenance of the station is actually in position.

Problems of Minorities

531. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the problems of minorities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the solution of their problems; and

(d) what are the welfare measures adopted and proposed to be adopted for minority in the country?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The 15 point programme is being implemented for the Welfare of Minorities.

A statement is attached.

STATEMENT**DETAILS ON THE STATUS OF ACTION TAKEN ON 15 POINT PROGRAMME FOR THE WELFARE OF MINORITIES.**

<i>Points in the 15-Point Programme</i>	<i>Action Points</i>	<i>Present Status</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
Points Nos. 1, 2 & 3		
Posting of District officials in communally sensitive areas.	Revised and comprehensive guidelines to be issued to State Governments.	Revised guidelines on promotion of communal harmony circulated to state Governments in April, 1990.
Rewarding District and police officials for good work.	-do-	-do-
Action against persons inciting communal tension or taking part in violence.	-do-	-do-
Point No. 4		
Setting up of Special Courts to try communal offences.	Special courts will be set up exclusively to try communal offences in where there have been outbreaks of large scale communal violence.	Guidelines issued to States/UTs. Special Courts already constituted in Delhi, Meerut, Bhagalpur, Kota and Jaipur.

<i>Points in the 15-Point Programme</i>	<i>Action Points</i>	<i>Present Status</i>
1	2	3
Point No. 5 Ex-gratia relief to riot victims.	Guidelines to issue to the State Governments on revising upwards the amount of ex-gratia grants in cases of death/permanent incapacitation from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 50,000/- and on pension of Rs. 500/- pm to widows of riot victims with low income.	Revised guidelines on promotion of communal harmony issued to State Governments in April, 1990 also include these items.
Point No. 6 Role of Radio/TV in maintaining communal harmony	Special features highlighting mutual help between communities during riots, serials on the need of communal harmony, Special programmes with different communities participation etc. to be broadcast/telecast.	Special features covering these programmes are being commissioned.
Point No. 7 Publication of objectionable and inflammatory material-action against editors etc.	Specific measures might be considered in this regard.	The State Governments are advised from time to time to be vigilant on this court.

Points in the 15-Point Programme	Action Points	Present Status
1	2	3
Point No. 8,9 &10		
Recruitment in State Police Forces.	Recruitment drives for Police Forces, raising of composite battalion for law & order duties, special training/ orientation programmes for Police personnel for maintaining communal harmony, monitoring composition of recruitment boards in Govt./ Public Sector Orgn./ Banks and monitoring representation of minorities in Govt./ Banks/Public Sector Orgns through sample surveys.	State Govt. requested to ensure better representation of minorities in State Police Forces, raising of composite battalion and special training programmes for Police Forces. Central Ministries/Depts. requested reg. sample surveys on representation of minorities in Recruitment and in recruitment Boards/ Selection committees/Commissions etc.
Recruitment in Central Police Organisations.		
Recruitment in Govt./Public Sector/Banks, etc.		
Points Nos. 11 & 12		
Technical Educational and pre-examination training.	1. Spread of Technical Education in appropriate technologies and skills relevant to the minorities through extension centres of community Polytechnics.	All 41 minority concentration districts have been covered under the Scheme of Community Polytechnics.

<i>Points in the 15-Point Programme</i>	<i>Action Points</i>	<i>Present Status</i>
1	2	3
	2. Re-orienting/upgrading training in ITIs in minority concentration distts. by adding relevant trade for minority artisans and workers.	Nine minority concentration distts. covered under the Scheme during 1990-91. 17 will be covered during 1991-92.
	3. Pre-examination training Scheme for various recruitment/entrance examinations through appropriate vol. organisations.	36 Pre-Examination Coaching/Training Centres were sanctioned during 1990-91 under the Scheme.
	4. Re-organising and expanding the UGC Scheme of coaching in minority colleges/Universities.	UGC Scheme is under implementation in 20 Universities and 33 colleges.
	Handicrafts	
	Package programme for handicrafts in minority concentration distts./ areas.	The Craft Dev. Centres at Agra (Marble inlay/ Stone work), Hyderabad (Bidri Work) and Howra (Chikan Work) set up during 1990-91.
	Fair and adequate share of benefits.	Plant for Metal Handicrafts Training Centre has been functioning at Moradabad. Design Dev. Project for Wood Carving has been launched at Saharanpur.

Point No. 13

<i>Points in the 15-Point Programme</i>	<i>Action Points</i>	<i>Present Status</i>
1	2	3
Handlooms		
Intensive Programme for Handloom Development in minority concentration distts. would be taken up.		Cannanore, Calicut distts. and sonitpur in Nadia covered under the project package. Murshidabad is to be covered.
Special Programmes for rehabilitation of handloom weavers in area affected by communal riots in Bhagalpur and Meerut.		A Special programme has been taken up. New pitlooms have been provided to 852 handloom weavers in Bhagalpur, Rs. 22.54 lakhs distributed as margin money and interest subsidy to 493 beneficiaries, and financial assistance of Rs. 41.82 lakhs for worked-cum-Houses provided to 473 persons.
Small Scale Industry		
(a) Setting up of common Facility Centres/proto-type Development Centres.		a) Effective steps taken to start Common Facility Centres/ Proto-type Dev. Centres at Aligarh and Howrah for lock, leather suit case and needle making industries.

Points in the 15-Point Programme	Action Points	Present Status
1	2	3
b) Sponsoring Schemes for small industries.	b) Action Plan prepared by State Governments for sponsoring schemes for small industries. Action initiated on training Programmes under Distt. Industries Centre/Self-employment Scheme for Educated Unemployed Youth.	
c) Special programmes under TRYSEM for training artisans/EDPs.	c) Special programme under TRYSE for training artisan formulated by almost all States. The Action plans for States cover Entrepreneurial Dev. Programmes for numbers of minority communities, also.	
	6888 minority artisans trained during January, '90-September, '91 which helped in establishment of 9884 new units.	
	Khandi and Village Industries	
	Special allocation of funds and Special Programmes for rural artisans.	Action Plan proposed by State Govts. in respect of Khandi & Village Industries Board. Funds of Rs. 13.17 crores provided to all States KVI Boards for implementing the Action plans. KVI Commission has set up a minority evaluation Cell.

<i>Points in the 15-Point Programme</i>	<i>Action Points</i>	<i>Present Status</i>
1	2	3
	IRDP/TRYSEM	
	Better utilisation of Programme for selfemployment/training	State Govts. to prepare distt-wise action Plan for minority concentration distts keeping in view local special occupation/trades. Action Plans already formulated by Andhra Pradesh, Haryana Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh.
	Credit Support	
	Programme for availability of credit in minority concentration distts.	By March, 1991, 213 branches opened in minority concentration distt. 198 additional centres identified.
Point No. 14 & 15		
Redressal of Grievances, removal of encroachment of Wakf properties etc.	Taking steps to deal with problems relating to encroachment on Wakf properties/graveyards etc. for redressal of grievances on an expeditious and satisfactory basis.	Instructions have been issued to State Govts. in this regard, from time to time.